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Application No.: 10/812,014

Docket No.: 4468-017B

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claim 4 is noted with appreciation.

Allowable claims 4 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 3. Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 4. Claims 4-6 include the indicated allowable subject matter and should be allowed.

Independent claims 15, 24 and 31, which correspond to claim 3, have been amended to include limitations similar to the limitation of allowable claim 4. Independent claims 12, 21, 30, and 32 have also been amended to include limitations similar to the limitations of amended claims 4, 15, 24, and 31, respectively. Thus, claims 12, 15, 21, 24, and 30-32 all include limitations which similar to that of allowable claim 4 and which are neither disclosed, taught nor suggested by the applied art of record. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 12, 15, 21, 24, and 30-32 are patentable over the art.

Accordingly, all pending claims in the instant application, i.e., claims 4-6, 12, 15, 21, 24, and 30-32, are believed patentable over the applied references. Early and favorable indication of allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

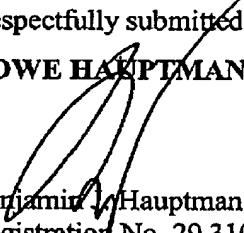
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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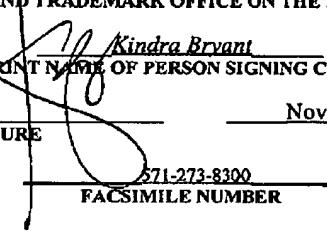
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